

REMARKS

By the *Office Action* of 10 December 2003, Paper No. 9, Claims 6-10, 16-20, 24-37 and 44 are pending in the Application, and all rejected being based upon a defective reissue declaration. The Examiner favorable notes that upon submission of an appropriate *Supplemental Declaration* under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1), the rejection of the Claims under 35 USC § 251 will be overcome. In view of the attached *Supplemental Declaration*, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.175, the inventors declare that for every error being corrected that is not covered by the oath or declaration submitted under paragraph (a) of that section, such error(s) arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the inventors.

Fees

No Claim fees are believed due. Further, this *Response* is being filed within six months of the *Office Action*, namely within three months. Thus, it is believed no extension of time fees are due.

Nonetheless, authorization to charge deposit account No. 20-1507 is given herein should any fees be due.

CONCLUSION

By the present *Response*, the Application has been in placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 404.885.2773.

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